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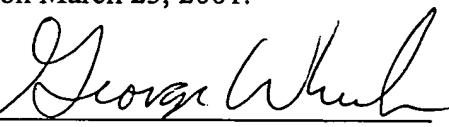
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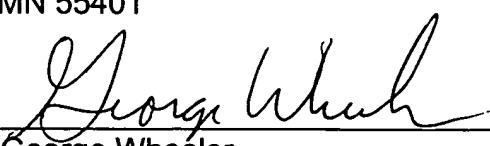
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Dear Sir:

Each item listed below is transmitted herewith:

* an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fees, if any, due with this amendment are based on the large entity fee schedule.

The extra claim fees are calculated as follows:

Large Entity

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate per Extra claim	Fee
Total Claims	56	56	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Indep Claims	3	3	0	\$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claim presented (\$270 if any present).				\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Filing fee					<u>\$0.00</u>

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* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge future fees which become due during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 a, b, c, d, f, or g or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

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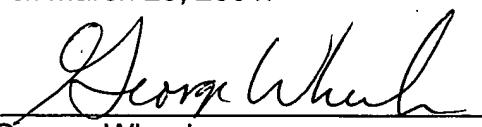
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Sir:

The Office has required merger of the present broadened reissue application and reexamination proceeding by March 27, 2001. Accordingly, please enter the following amendment solely for purposes of conducting the merged proceeding.